

# JAILBIRD ARMY FIGHTING IRISH

Black and Tans, Largely Convicts, Says Miss MacSwiney. Crimes Recounted.

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them with whips taken from the car drivers. I said to some man near that it absolutely ought to be stopped. And he sensibly enough called my attention to the fact that, though the number engaged in that particular work was not great, the streets were lined with black and Tans in civilian clothes, ready to slaughter.

## TRAP FOR VOLUNTEERS.

"It was evidently a trap to get some volunteers to attack them, when a horde of black and Tans would appear. When in town the other evening I saw three of them staggering along, one so drunk that he fell in a heap, and the other two, almost as dead, trying to drag him along.

"And the three armed to the teeth to shoot at any one they liked, with a certainty of promotion for the murderer. A cousin of Mullins was in town on Saturday, and went up to the barracks to ask for a visit to the boy. She was informed he was not a prisoner there—he had been shot dead while trying to escape.

"Today we have received information that the other two have met the same fate. I could go on with these tales all day and all night."

Recently the cables reported that two young men of Galway, having been arrested in their home, were shot to death, "while trying to escape a black and Tan detail." I knew the men. I know their sister.

The truth is that their bodies were found in a bog, tied back to back and both shot through the heart. Men tied, back to back, do not "try to escape."

I have before me the account of four Killaloe men, who, without arms, were taken away from their families in lorries full of armed black and Tans and whose bodies were given back to their people ridged with bullets, the official British report on whom said that they "were killed trying to escape."

**BURNED ALIVE.**

I have also the account of the shooting of Mrs. Ryan, of Callan because she opened her door, contrary to orders of the soldierly of which she had no knowledge, and of the shooting of a young woman carrying a child on the O'Connell bridge, Dublin, and of others at the same time by drunken soldiers, who ran away without stopping to see the effect of their wanton attack.

I have also the story of the youth of sixteen, who was flogged to death because he refused to turn traitor to his country and his comrades, and of how his little sister and brother were forced by the soldiers to witness his torture.

There has come to me also the story of Mrs. Longman of Galway, whose two sons, Patrick and Henry, were dragged out of their home by the soldiers and tortured before their mother's eyes, and then hurried out

# Need Cop, But He Mustn't Shoot

Mt. Rainier Folk Cautious In Picking Man to Check Criminals.

If the Washingtonian claiming to be a crack rifle and revolver shot and a veteran of the world war should be engaged to protect life and property in Mount Rainier, it would be necessary for the residents of the community just across the District Line in Prince George's county to establish a hospital to care for his victims.

This is the much mooted question on the lips of most of the residents of Mount Rainier today.

Following "a wave of crime," the stealing of automobiles and the looting of chicken coops, the residents deemed it proper that they get together and each contribute 10 cents a week to pay for the protection of their homes by engaging three experienced policemen.

When the proposition was first suggested, it was received with enthusiasm. But soon thereafter the "wave of crime" ceased, and the residents in many instances have hesitated about giving up the 10 cents a week.

At any rate, a committee of representative citizens is investigating the need of an organized police force and it is likely that the applications received will be given serious consideration. But the Washingtonian, if appointed, will be instructed not to use his talents in the shooting line, unless it is found imperative in the protection of his own life.

We employ this Washingtonian fellow," said one of the residents of the community, "we don't want to also have to establish a hospital to care for his victims."

of her sight, only to be found dead a few days later by neighbors, their bodies so hacked and charred by fire as to hardly be recognizable. Were they burned alive? Their neighbors believe so.

I have also the story of Clancy, McKee and Clune, who, unarmed and unarmed, were shot to death in Dublin Castle, and of James Looby and William Delaney, murdered while in custody at Cashel, and of James Hickey, killed while a prisoner in Tipperary barracks.

These black and Tans go about by day looting and shooting, stopping men and women on the street, and searching them and roughing them. They take watches from the men and rings from the women's fingers and even the sixpence from those who have no more.

They hold up schoolgirls and take away their books, search through their clothes and through the girl's pockets and clothes. They search and plunder houses and stores.

**TERROR AT NIGHT.**

And if the terror is great by day, can you imagine what is must be during the night when these fiends in human shape can wreck their will on the towns and cities; when, the curfew in force and the streets cleared, they can roam the whiskey stores first, and then the valuables of the citizens?

Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth, jewelry, costly furs, valuables of all kinds disappear, and so come to these infamous men of immunity and protection that they do not even take the trouble to hide their tracks.

**In tomorrow's Washington Times Miss MacSwiney will tell of the terrors of a "night raid" by Black and Tans. These raids are attended by the arrest and frequently the shooting of the men, the driving out of the women and girls without time to dress, and the looting and often the blowing up of the home itself.**

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# Be a Cake Eater on Feb. 26



# Three Judges Named To Pick Winners In Cake-Baking Contest

Three judges who will decide the winners in the All-Washington Cake Baking Contest on February 26, have been selected by The Washington Times.

They are:

Miss Hannah Weesling, of the Domestic Science Branch of the States Relation Service of the Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Rose G. Hoes, president of the Washington Housekeepers' Alliance.

Monsieur Maxime Huguet, chef at the Washington Hotel.

In consenting to serve as judges each of them heartily endorsed The Washington Times' effort to find the answer to the question: What Washington housewives bake the best cakes? and each agreed to well and truly try each cake and true deliverance make as between the entrants in the competition.

**CONTEST IDEA PRAISED.**

"This contest is a splendid thing," said Miss Weesling. "It will put the housewives on their mettle and I am sure some wonderful and delicious cakes will be submitted. Such contests stimulate the housewives to better cake baking, and teach the ideals to be striven for in cake baking."

Miss Weesling speaks whereof she knows, because she has been identified with many similar contests in the various States she traverses annually to preach the gospel of good bread, pastry and cake baking.

"I think this is an excellent enterprise on the part of The Washington Times, and I will be more than pleased to serve as a judge," said Mrs. Hoes. "It is a capital idea. I know there is great rivalry among the cake baking housewives of Washington, and I think this is a splendid way to settle the debate as to the relative qualities of their confections. We handle a great many cakes at the Housekeepers' Alliance, and I hope the winners will let the decision in this contest mark only the beginning of their cake baking careers."

Monsieur Maxime Huguet also approved the contest in warm terms. "I will be happy to serve as a judge," said he, "because the contest will determine what really constitutes a superior cake and give all the housewives in Washington an opportunity to learn exactly what standards must be conformed to in order to turn out a superior cake confection. The contest ought to be worth a great deal to Washington housewives."

**FAMED HERE AND ABROAD.**

M. Huguet is famed both in Europe and America for his wonderful cakes and pastries. He has served as chef at a number of famous hostilities in France, was the first chef at the Knickerbocker Hotel in New York where he served many years, has presided over the culinary department of several of Gotham's most celebrated hotels, and has officiated in a similar department of the Washington Hotel since it was opened.

Withal, the judges are competent and experienced, and housewives submitting cakes in this contest may rest assured that fair and impartial decisions will be given and that the cakes will be judged strictly on their merits. To make assurance doubly sure, the judges will not know the names of any of the competing cake bakers until they announce their decisions.

Six prizes are offered by The Washington Times to find the answer to the question: What Washington housewives bake the best cakes? There will be two classes of cakes: those baked with eggs and those baked without eggs. The first prize in each class will be \$25, the second \$15 and the third \$10.

The judges will cut and taste each of the cakes.

After the decisions are announced, all the cakes will be sent to Washington hospitals and children's institutions as a donation from the competing housewives.

Each cake must be accompanied by its name, the recipe followed in baking it, and the name and address of the housewife submitting it.

All the cakes must be delivered at The Washington Times office, twelfth floor, Munsey building, by 3 o'clock on the afternoon, February 26. The judging will begin promptly at 3 o'clock and no cake received after that hour will be eligible.

**ENTRY LINES NOW OPEN.**

Housewives intending submitting cakes in this contest should write today and notify the Cake Baking Editor, The Washington Times, so that they may be on the lookout for their entries and check them off, and also to give the judges an idea of about how many cakes they will have to cut and taste, so that they can reserve the proper length of time for their work.

Housewives have a threefold motive for entering this contest: First, there are the monetary prizes; second there is the fame and glory of being crowned as queen of the cake bakers; third, there is the charitable element of donating the cakes to the

hospitals and children's institutions. It costs nothing to enter the competition. Readers of The Washington Times and non-readers are eligible. There is everything to gain and nothing to lose by entering the contest. There are no restrictions as to the ingredients to be used in making the cakes. Housewives may use any brand of flour, baking powder, flavoring extract, sugar, etc. they choose. Any kind of cake, sponge, pound, layer, ginger bread, etc. will be eligible, and the cake may be any size, design or variety the housekeeper desires.

The Cake Baking Editor, Main 5290, will be glad to answer any and all questions prospectively and may wish to ask regarding the contest.

**ZIONITE BOXERS TO ATTACK NEW YORK**

"Angel Band" Puts on Mitts for "Clean-up" Invasion of "Wicked City."

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—"Four hundred of the faithful" of Zion City, led by Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion, will shortly march on New York, armed with religious tracts and six-ounce boxing gloves, in an endeavor to "cleanse the city from all wickedness." It was announced today.

The "Angel Band" will first confine its activities to parading Broadway and exhorting the city to "cast its sins in the East river," but if this fails, the wicked Manhattanites will be assailed with fists encased in boxing gloves.

More than 300 of the pilgrims, according to announcement from the headquarters of the "lord of Zion," have been taking boxing lessons in a Zion city gymnasium for months in anticipation of the event.

The epithets "Pagans" and "Stink Pots," which characterized the first pilgrimage to New York in 1903, led by Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion, will have no place in the present campaign to make holy the "wicked city."

# LEGAL KILLING

D. C. Jail Official Strongly Opposed to Infliction of Death Penalty.

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tion, does not realize the meaning of his incarceration. He sees the jail, sometimes as a contribution to experience, something that he has never seen before. When we think of this type losing his freedom, the foremost thing in our minds is what Lincoln so profoundly said:

"A child is better unborn than untaught."

He stands there amazed at the things that interest him. He feels that these are new things and should receive attention. Statistics tell us that both colored and white of this type are committed, with the colored in the majority. They are mostly mentally deficient for lack of education. Our public and private schools have made great headway in the elimination of this type of prisoner.

**SOME WELL PLACED.**

Next we see the recidivist enter and re-enter into the doors of confinement. He is well placed, understands the reason of his losing his freedom, and, with certain mental exceptions, is attracted to know from the other prisoners whether their hauled meted them as much as did his. This class of backsliders, many time offenders, are criminals by choice. He sins against society and himself.

An old-time habitual criminal once told me that he "liked the game." "It was same of chance." He was a stickpin thief, and made believe that he delighted in deceiving the jewelry clerk right before his eyes just as a gambler would defeat his opponent in a game of cards. Among this class are found the dangerous, the skillful and those ever thinking of ways to escape from an institution. I am inclined to believe as to this group that education and environment produce only a small effect on their mind and that most of their qualities are innate.

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# His Fish Story Beats Harding's

Congressman Sanders Says He Pulled in 8-Foot Shark.

Congressman Everett Sanders of Indiana has come back from Panama with a fish story that causes his colleague—Richard N. Elliott to remark that a "plain Congressman can beat the President-elect catching fish or can tell a better fish story than Mr. Harding."

"President-elect Harding," said Mr. Elliott, "never claimed to have hooked a tarpon bigger than six or seven feet. But now comes Sanders who says he was using an eight-pound fish for bait when a shark eight and one-half feet long grabbed fish, hook and everything and started for Davy Jones' locker."

"But Everett, notwithstanding he was down there for his health, declares he fought the shark for 40 minutes, and then pulled him up on deck of the boat."

"All I've got to say about it is that Sanders will have to show the picture of the shark. And he needn't try any fake picture, either. I know all about how these picture guys fake things nowadays."

lives of prison employees and prisoners would never be safe.

A person sentenced to life imprisonment is eligible for and may be paroled after having served fifteen years. First degree murder should not be included within the parole law. Capital punishment might properly be replaced with full life term in the penitentiary, divested of all statutory equities and modifications. With such an enactment we might well dispense with capital punishment, with the simple reservation noted above, and bring our law making bodies and our courts within the scope of that great injunction: "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

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MRS. MARY BELLE SPENCER, public guardian of Cook County, Ill., with a private law practice on the side, who has decided not to become a candidate for Judge in Chicago Heights, Ill., where she lives, as the salary paid is not sufficient to interest her.